



Scavenger Hunt Builds Community, Showcases City's Hidden Gems

by Julia Arbutus

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Community does not always mean participating in a city council meeting. Sometimes, it means participating in a scavenger hunt to find hidden gems in your own city.

Over the weekend, a new Greenbelt organization facilitated a two-day scavenger hunt to help residents cross into parts of Greenbelt they may not have explored and get a better feel for the larger community.

"I think it's smart to join together and discover the amazing features of our community," one participant said.



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From left, Robert and Judy Goldberg-Strassler, Susan Taylor and Tom Adams greet participants at the Peace Pole during the GOSH scavenger hunt.

Residents Tom Adams and Lois Rosado created the organization, called Connecting Across Greenbelt, to foster the kind of

social interaction many are missing due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The only way that one can bring people together in understanding ... is through conversation," Rosado said.

The idea for Connecting Across Greenbelt came from Adams, who noticed Greenbelt residents have little context for what might be happening in another section of the city. He wanted to foster neighborliness across a city that is divided by highways, age and other barriers.

After the murder of George Floyd in May, Adams got involved with the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, and when he started talking about his idea for community conversations with other activists, he was referred to Rosado.

Rosado used her network to bring together a group of about

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Safer Passage for Pedestrians And Bikes Concerns Cities

by Matthew Arbach

On October 21, the Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Beltway Plaza to discuss strategies on how best to move forward with plans to make Greenbelt Road safer for pedestrians and bikers. Plans for this go back as far as a Neighborhood Conservation Program report from 2003, with a more recent study developed by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in a June 2018 Technical Assistance Panel report.

The consensus of the meeting was that an essential step

would be for all three cities to agree on a plan that can then be put before the county council, state legislature and the State Highway Administration (SHA), the idea being that a unified proposal would make any movement forward more efficient, even if the plan were later amended by SHA. Ultimately, SHA would be the primary entity in any designing, construction and funding, as Greenbelt Road is a state highway. Councilmember Emmett Jordan stated that Greenbelt Road

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What Goes On

Monday, November 2
8 p.m. Council Worksession: Prince George's County Memorial Library System
Tuesday, November 3
7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election Day: nearest in-person voting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Wednesday, November 4
8 p.m. Council Worksession: State Highway Administration
Thursday, November 5
7:30 p.m. Public Hearing: Eviction (including Rental/Late Fees) Ordinance
8 p.m. Council Worksession: Eviction (including Rental/Late Fees) Ordinance
All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Return to Zoom by Council Includes Several Conditions

by Matthew Arbach

Optimizing transparency and public participation was the focus of the Greenbelt City Council worksession on October 14. The context of the discussion was whether council meetings should continue using Webinar or return to Zoom. Council had made the change to the webinar format after a meeting was Zoom-bombed on June 3 (Zoom bombing is a malicious attack where large numbers of spurious users join a meeting and paralyze it).

According to Director of Information Technology Dale Worley in a letter to council, Webinar "provides additional layers of security and protection for council's meetings." Meeting participation is more controlled, as opposed to Zoom, where "anyone admitted

to the meeting can be disruptive if they choose." Worley's recommendation to council was to continue using Webinar, in spite of its limitations, with the main difference being that Zoom places all participants on an equal footing with unencumbered participation.

Mayor Colin Byrd and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts recommended trying a return to Zoom, perhaps with restrictions like a waiting room feature that regulates all attendees and live photo verification, if necessary, of each participant. Having a staff person online handling the technical aspects of the meeting, allowing the mayor to focus on running the meeting, was the

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Need a Ride to the Polls? Take Greenbelt Connection

by Konrad Herling



PHOTO BY KONRAD HERLING

Voters line up for early voting at DuVal High School on Monday, October 26.

The last weeks of the campaign season raised an important question for area voters – if you don't have a car or bike, and wish to vote in person, how do you get to DuVal High School at Greenbelt Road and Good Luck Road for in-person early voting or to Eleanor Roosevelt High for in-person voting on Election Day, November 3?

A small group of Democratic Club volunteers led by Renauta and Brian York and Konrad Herling offered to provide such service on a non-partisan basis but learned that the safety standards were too demanding. When facing the ongoing concern of making sure folks without a personal vehicle can vote, the Greenbelt City Council asked the Public Works Department to provide transportation on Greenbelt Connection vans to both locations.

Staying Safe

Public Works continues to take steps to make absolutely sure that the vans are safe, including sanitizing them frequently. Van drivers wear face masks and

riders are also required to wear masks. City Manager Ard and Public Works Director Jim Sterling stress that the city follows CDC and county health guidance to keep riders safe. Further, to address safety concerns, each van will carry no more than four passengers.

Reservations

To make a reservation, call Public Works at 301-474-4100 at least two days in advance of the desired date – but the earlier the better as demand may be high. If, rather than voting in person, the rider wishes to drop a mail-in ballot at a voting drop-box, the person requesting the ride can let the Public Works Department know so appropriate accommodations may be made.

Operating Hours

The van operates Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, hours of operation for transportation to the polls are

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PHOTO BY JULIA ARBUTUS

Marc Siegel stands next to the motion-activated dog decoration in his backyard along the Lake path. See story, page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Happy Halloween

My apologies to those whom my Halloween decorations cause any ill will. I assure you that I do it for the kids of all ages and have been doing it for over 20 years. I can't tell you how many

families delight in bringing their loved ones for a stroll but I am also aware that it's not for everybody. I only ask that you put up with it for the greater good it provides so many during the crazy times we are in.

Marc Siegel



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In September, Girl Scout Troop 23007 resumed in-person meetings by holding socially distanced meetings at Schrom Hills Park. The troop is based in Greenbelt, though some of the girls live in surrounding communities.

Co-op Month

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cooperatives are created through the initiative and self-reliance of Americans who come together to meet common economic, social, and cultural needs through a democratically controlled enterprise that is owned and governed by its members and exists solely to serve the members' interests; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Co-op Month 2020 "Cooperatives Commit to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" which celebrates how co-ops are people working together to make their communities and the world a better place for everyone; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 40,000 cooperative businesses in the United States operating in every industry, including agriculture, child care, energy, financial services, publishing, food retail and distribution, housing, healthcare, insurance, telecommunications, and many others; and

WHEREAS, United States cooperatives serve some 350 million members, generate more than two million jobs, and make a substantial contribution to the economy with annual sales of \$652 billion and possessing assets of \$3 trillion; and

WHEREAS, since Greenbelt's founding in 1937, the spirit of COOPERATION has dramatically sustained and enriched our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt itself is a member of cooperatives, including purchasing cooperatives to help reduce the city's costs; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt's cooperatives are greatly appreciated by all our citizens as being essential to the fabric of our daily lives. They are

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WHEREAS, members of the Greenbelt Cooperative Incubator are seeking to form new cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt's cooperatives will celebrate with many activities throughout October Co-op Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colin Byrd, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be

COOPERATIVE MONTH

during which we will join with all cooperatives, especially those in Greenbelt, as they celebrate their achievements, reaffirm their commitment to the values of cooperative enterprise, and look to the bright future that cooperatives will help create.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 12th day of October 2020.

COLIN BYRD, Mayor

ATTEST: Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.
GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

At the Library

Effective November 3, the Library is implementing several key service changes to meet the essential needs of the community, while maintaining strict adherence to local public health guidelines. Curbside service hours will be Tuesday to Friday (1 to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (1 to 5 p.m.) at branch libraries. By appointment only, place requests for up to 50 items in advance.

Read Woke Challenge

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is collaborating with the Read Woke Challenge, a national initiative to encourage reading, personal growth and social justice, as part of its ongoing work to advance racial and social equity. Readers of all ages are encouraged to read (or listen to) at least five books between October 6 and December 15 that explore diversity, inclusion, equity, anti-racism and the many perspectives of the human experience. Readers can register on Beanstack through PGCMLS to participate. All who log five titles through December 15 will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card raffle.

TeenTober

PGCMLS has launched two new social media platforms for teens to engage with staff and each other, @PGCMLSTeens on Instagram and the PGCMLS Teen Zone Discord Server. Discord is a chat-based social platform similar to Reddit. This new platform will allow teens to engage with peers and participate in meaningful service projects. Teens can visit pgcmls.info to access these online library services with their LINK card number or library card.

Virtual Events

While PGCMLS branches remain closed, the library continues to offer virtual events for the public. A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at pgcmls.info/events.

Bard’s Twelfth Night Comedy Auditions

The Rude Mechanicals, in residence at The Greenbelt Arts Center, will hold online auditions for William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night: Or What You Will on Sunday and Monday, November 1 and 2.

Twelfth Night was written by Shakespeare to close out the Christmas season with a romantic comedy. It features twins separated at birth, love triangles, a pompous servant, a counterfeit love letter, a cross-dressing heroine, a drunken uncle and a witty fool. The play also incorporates music and actor-musicians are invited to prepare a piece of music for the auditions if they wish.

Online performances will be the weekend of January 8 through 10, 2021, just after the actual 12th night of Christmas. The play is directed by Tiffany Waters, who said, “In the spirit of continuing live performance during uncertain times, this production will focus on collaborating with actors to find new ways to navigate this new medium. Twelfth Night will seek to explore themes of personal identity, relationships, isolation, love, loss and reunion.”

Those wishing to audition should request an audition slot via the website greenbeltartscenter.org or rudemechanicals.com.

Astro Mysteries

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold their next meeting on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually over Zoom. The speaker will be Sue Bassett, who will present Astronomy Mystery Stories, a light-hearted, Halloween-themed talk that includes new evidence on an ancient mystery. For the Zoom link, see the ASG webpage, greenbeltastro.org.

Voting and Racism

Anti-Racism Educational Community Event: Voting and Race. Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ invites the community to participate in an anti-racism educational discussion on Sunday, November 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Racism and voting will be discussed, and past and current examples of voter suppression will be considered. The local election for judges for the circuit court, 7th circuit, which serves Prince George’s County will also be considered, reviewing the different candidates. This event is offered as an opportunity for people to learn from one another, express themselves and receive support from a respectful community. To participate, please RSVP via email kenlittlefield1@aol.com for web login information.

Right, Seraphina Miller paints with watercolors.

Below, Emerson Goddard comes dressed as a witch to art class and works with focus on her pumpkin painting.



The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), a local non-profit, offers outdoor painting classes hosted by Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church for parents and children eager to do something outside of the house and away from the screen.

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GAC online

GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

The Rude Mechanicals in residence at
Greenbelt Arts Center present:

The Revenger’s Tragedy

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Live Online:

Friday, October 30, 8pm
Saturday, October 31, 8pm

Suggested donation: \$10

The Rude Mechanicals and Greenbelt Arts Center announce auditions for:

Twelfth Night

by William Shakespeare, directed by Tiffany Waters

Auditions: November 1 & 2; Online performances: January 8 – 10, 2021

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Girls Who Code Fest

The Greenbelt Rotary is sponsoring “Schromfest” on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schrom Hills Park Pavilion. The Girls Who Code event includes drone racing, a coding seminar, a science café, and a Halloween one-mile walk. The event is free to all kids in third through 12th grades. There will also be a showcase of robots built by students and free Halloween candy. A non-perishable food item or grocery gift card is requested to support their Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need.

Haunt the Highway

Greenbelt residents will be hosting a final Haunt the Highway march on Sunday, November 1. The march will begin at the Municipal Building at 10 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. Participants will march up the sidewalk to the intersection of Southway and Greenbelt Road. During the march, the names of over 80 Black victims of police brutality will be recited. No advance registration is required for those wishing to participate in the march.



Dem Club Offers Info For Final Weekend

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Club is continuing to provide information about voting at the information tables Saturday, October 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. Outdoor table set-ups will be placed at the Giant Supermarket at Beltway Plaza, Roosevelt Center and Lake Artemesia.

Greenbelt Talks Deadline Friday

Greenbelt Talks wants to know: Why did you move to Greenbelt?

Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) invites the community to participate in another installment of their new video series, Greenbelt Talks. This week they want to know why people live in Our Fair City; what convinced them to live here?

Residents of Greenbelt – young, old and in-between – can voice their thoughts and opinions on issues of local and national importance. And it’s easy! Using a cell phone in a horizontal position, click on video, put the face front and center, and give GATe, and the community, up to one minute’s worth of words. Then, email the video to GATe, greenbeltaccess@gmail.com, on or before Friday, October 30.

Watch for these videos featuring community members to appear on GATe’s public access channel and social media.

Some tips for recording: 1. Avoid dark or noisy surroundings. 2. No advertisements. 3. Watch your language; this is public access TV. FCC rules apply. 4. Keep the video to one minute or less.

Note: This is not part of GATe’s Rose Award Program. For more information on Rose Awards, visit greenbeltaccessstv.org/rose-award.

Boo to the Flu Offers Fun, Free Flu Shots

Community health center, CCI Health & Wellness Services, hosts Boo to the Flu – a pop-up vaccination clinic – to encourage the local community to get flu shots and routine immunizations. The event, in partnership with Amerigroup, will also offer some COVID-safe Halloween fun for families.

The outdoor event will also include a socially distant trunk-or-treat staffed by CCI employees and a photo booth for creating fun family memories. The pop-up vaccine clinic will be held at CCI-Greenbelt, located at 9220 Springhill Lane on Friday, October 30 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters are encouraged to wear costumes and come ready to roll-up their sleeves. However, masks and social distancing are required, as staff will be on hand to make attendees adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols.

“As health care providers focused on community wellness, we believe it is vital that we focus on prevention and keeping families as healthy as possible,” said Dr. Sonya Bruton, CEO and president. “Boo to the Flu allows us an opportunity to meet our multiple aims of physical and emotional wellbeing by providing a small sense of normalcy with a fun Halloween activity while offering a free flu shot to all participants and updating vaccinations on existing patients.”

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.



More Community Events
are located throughout the
paper.

GATe GREENBELT ACCESS TELEVISION Friday October 30 - Thursday November 5		
PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		CONNECT WITH GATe ON  
7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATe Archive
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	GATe Classic Film ★ Horror/Indie • 1962	• Carnival of Souls • Candace Hilligoss • Herk Harvey • Directed by Herk Harvey
11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATe Archive
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATe Community Producers
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
1 pm	Science Bowl PGCPs	• Thomas Pullen v Robert Goddard • Accokeek v Kettering
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10 people for a virtual planning meeting to work out the details of the organization. Since then, Connecting Across Greenbelt has had several Zoom meetings to facilitate topical conversations. Next month’s conversations will feature mental health awareness and resources for those feeling isolated because of the pandemic.

“Our hope is to continue to build a group of community leaders across the different neighborhoods,” Adams said. “The goal would be to have a mix of events that reach a critical mass of people.”

Which brings us to the scavenger hunt.

Greenbelt’s Own Scavenger Hunt (GOSH) is Connecting Across Greenbelt’s second activity and was co-sponsored by Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness, a kindness movement facilitated by Robert Goldberg-Strassler. Goldberg-Strassler also distributed donated children’s books to participants to promote literacy.

There were 18 different locations featured on the hunt, some easier to find than others. Developed from recommendations by Greenbelt residents, some gems,

like the Greenbelt Museum or the Greenbelt Station Central Park Pavilion, can be discovered simply by driving around the city. Others, like Greenbelt’s cemeteries or the Toaping Castle marker, require a bit more exploring.

One participant put it best: “We thought we saw everything in Greenbelt, but there’s actually still more to see!”

“I love to see this,” said another resident who has lived in Greenbelt for more than 30 years. “This is a nurturing community.”

The scavenger hunt is something that will endure longer than last weekend, said Goldberg-Strassler. The hidden gems of Greenbelt can be discovered at any point. The event’s purpose was to bring people together from across the city to meet their neighbors and discover new features of the city they call home.

“Our purpose is ... self-healing,” Rosado said. “This is for people. This is for social interactions.”

Julia Arbutus is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



These three gardeners, who began gardening at the Greenbelt Community Gardens in the 1980’s, still enjoy the happiness it brings. From left, Mac Wirick, John Henry Jones and Wayne Williams.

Mowatt UMC Hosts All Saints Day Service

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church invites the entire community to a candlelight service on Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day, rain or shine, at 6:30 p.m. in their picnic lot to mark the many losses this year.

Rev. Fay Lundin will lead attendees in mourning the loss of over 225,000 lives to COVID-19, as well as the loss of connection, family, love, livelihood and liveliness. The service will also be remembering and honoring Greenbelter Louise Craig.

All are welcome. Social distancing and mask protocol are required.

Candlelight Vigil

The weekly candlelight vigil formerly held at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive has been relocated. It is now held on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the intersection of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, near the Shell station. The purpose of these vigils is to provide community members an opportunity to gather with candles and signs and to engage in dialogue to better understand one another and to understand issues of policing as well as sources of racism. All are welcome to join and it is not necessary for participants to bring a candle.



Lois Rosado (left) and Dorrie Bates sit at the Greenbelt Station Central Park Pavilion to help direct participants in the weekend scavenger hunt.



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“Disunity is a danger that the nations and peoples of the earth can no longer endure; the consequences are too terrible to contemplate, too obvious to require any demonstration. ‘The well-being of mankind,’ Bahá’u’lláh wrote more than a century ago, ‘its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established.’”

— Universal House of Justice



Greenbelt Bahá’í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

City Notes

Therapeutic Recreation hosted a Zoom birthday luncheon for 18 Golden Agers. Thirty-seven seniors received food and friendship, including bonus activities contributed by Recreation staffers. GAIL's produce distribution served 371 residents, and 88 residents were immunized at the drive-thru flu clinic at Beltway Plaza. Arts staff edited studio tour videos.

Animal Control issued 12 Dog Park permits and the Shelter housed five cats and one kitten.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.20 tons of refuse and 11.99 tons of recyclables and weighed food scraps. Sustainability/Environmental held an electronics recycling event on Saturday, October 24. Horticulture/Parks sanitized playgrounds.

Good weather allowed fall outdoor recreation classes to proceed as planned. Fall Family Fun Week featured scarecrow making and pumpkin carving at Schrom Hills Park, with police providing a drive-thru Trunk-or-Treat event. Park rangers facilitated Fall Family Fun Week and another sold-out Moonlit Movie.

During gradual re-opening, Public Works sanitizes buildings daily.

Support BLM Legislation

The public is invited to participate in demonstrations held every day at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The purpose of the demonstrations is to make people aware of local legislation relevant to Black Lives Matter issues.

For example, the group of demonstrators encourages passers-by to express support for Anton's Law, a bill before the Maryland House that would establish a statewide standard for law enforcement and use of force, as well as setting standards for transparency in policing.

The demonstrations take place Monday through Saturday from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m.

Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's fall classes and special events are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center.

Free Student Meals At Greenbelt Schools

Meal pickup and delivery will be free for all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students through Thursday, December 31. All schools in Greenbelt serve as meal distribution sites. Students picking up meals do not need identification. Parents and guardians should bring a student ID or most recent report card. It is possible to collect for others by bringing the appropriate student ID numbers.

Multi-day meals are available for pickup Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the PGCPS website, pgcps.org, for more information and a list of delivery locations.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2-6
Monday, November 2 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Prince George's County Memorial Library System**
Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, November 4 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/State Highway Administration (Stakeholder)**
Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, November 5 at 7:30pm **PUBLIC HEARING Eviction (incl. Rental/Late Fees) Ordinance**
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This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.

ELECTION 2020

2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION
Early Voting will be held Monday, October 26th, 2020 through Monday, November 2nd, 2020 from 7am - 8pm each day. The closest Early Voting site is
Duval High School, 9880 Good Luck Road

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 7am - 8pm.
The closest day of voting site is
Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway
For this Presidential General Election, voters are allowed to vote at any Prince George's County voting location listed at <https://bit.ly/35o6bG2>

REGULAR CITY VOTING LOCATIONS ARE NOT VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THIS PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will provide transportation to the closest Early and Day of Voting Locations.
Please call 301-474-4100 to arrange for a ride. Please call 48 hours in advance. We will try to make accommodations for calls with less notification, but it is not guaranteed.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Board of Elections
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000

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Greenbelt Recreation is here to improve your e-learner's physical and mental health with our Outdoor Recess Program! Join us for a variety of outdoor activities to get moving after all that screen time. Online pre-registration by day is required. Class requires masks/face coverings and physical distancing for all participants. For Greenbelt residents, ages 6-12. Classes start October 5th.

Activity #: 432604-1 & 432604-2

Inclement Weather will cancel class. For more information contact aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov.

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Due to Covid-19 the process to fill out an application will be very different from past years. We will require everyone to follow strict protocol. Green Ridge House is considered an "at risk" apartment complex for seniors so, we are taking every precaution to keep everyone safe. The following are the steps that must be taken to fill out an application.

1. Have you or anyone that you live with or are in contact with been sick within the last 10 days? If yes, you will not be able to fill out an application.
2. You **MUST** wear a mask to enter Green Ridge House and we will be checking temperatures.
3. You must call 301-474-7595 to make an appointment to fill out an application. We will be making three appointments at the top of every hour. Appointments will be made for 10am, 11am, 2pm and 3pm. We will start accepting phone calls to make appointments beginning November 2, 2020, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm. We are advising everyone to be very prompt. If you are late, you will still be required to leave at half past the hour.
4. Only applicants will be permitted in the building to fill out the applications. If you are an individual with a disability that needs assistance filling out the application and you have someone you can bring with you to assist you in the application process, please advise us of this situation when you call to make your appointment and we will provide the necessary arrangements.
5. You will have 30 minutes to fill out the application. If you do not finish the application in the allotted time given you must leave the property and bring the application back at another time. You will need to call to see when you can return the application.
6. At half past the hour, applicants will be asked to turn in their application or leave the building. This allows staff to sanitize the area so that the next prospects can come in at the top of the hour.

TRICK-OR TREAT

Governor Hogan has renewed his declaration of the COVID-19 state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency. Additionally, the CDC has declared Trick-or-Treating as a risky activity and recommends other ways to celebrate. If you decide that you will be Trick-or-Treating, please observe these suggestions.

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
- If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.
- A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

VISIT THE CDC FOR OTHER SAFE ALTERNATIVES
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

 **WEED WARRIORS**
Invasive Plant Pull
Saturday, November 7
10am-1pm
Buddy Attick Park
Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times

Reminders:

- Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes
- Bring your reusable water bottle
- High school students: remember your service-learning forms
- Masks must be worn at all times

Volunteers must register with Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, by emailing kdriscoll@greenbeltnmd.gov

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from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Voting So Far

According to the county’s Assistant Elections Administrator Daneen Banks, 24,707 residents have already voted at the county’s early voting sites. Nationally, as reported in the October 27, 2020 issue of The Washington Post, over 69 million Americans have already voted, a number, according to the Post, that is already more than half the total number of those who voted in 2016.

Election 2020

Key Dates and Sites For General Election

Eleven early voting centers are now open for voting through Monday, November 2, as well as on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Those closest to Greenbelt are DuVal High School, the Pavilion at the University of Maryland and the Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center.

The Board of Elections website has a chart, updated every few hours, with the wait times for each of the early voting sites, as well as a complete list of Election Day voting centers. Visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/559.

On Election Day, 30 more vote centers will be open, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., in addition to the early voting centers. The only voting center in Greenbelt on Election Day will be Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The Greenbelt Community Center is not a ballot drop-box or voting location for the 2020 General Election. Greenbelt residents cannot vote at any of the usual Greenbelt voting centers except Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The Greenbelt Connection bus will be available to transport people to vote at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Election Day and for early voting at DuVal High School. Residents are asked to call 301-474-2100 to make an appointment 48 hours in advance if possible. The Greenbelt Connection will also try to make accommodations for those calling less than 48 hours in advance.


Mail-in ballots can be returned to the Board of Elections office, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo; through the U.S. Postal Service; or in ballot drop-boxes at multiple locations throughout the county. Those in or close to Greenbelt include Eleanor Roosevelt High School, DuVal High School, High Point High School, Northwestern High School, The Pavilion at the University of Maryland Xfinity Center, Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center, and FedEx Field.

Drop-boxes will be available through election day. Ballots must be dropped off (or postmarked, not just placed in a mail box, if using the U.S. Postal Service) by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3. The closest drop-box for most Greenbelt residents is at the front entrance to Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Registered voters can do in-person early voting or vote on election day at the voting center of their choice, anywhere in the county. Same-day registration is possible for all in-person voting, both early as well as on election day. Anyone wishing to do so must be a U.S. citizen, be a resident of Maryland, be 18 years old by November 3, 2020, and bring proof of residency, such as a Maryland driver’s license or rent receipt.

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From the Archives

Early Greenbelt Not Focused On Roosevelt’s Re-election

by Deanna Dawson

Greenbelt residents had their first opportunity to vote for president in the 1940 general election. President Franklin Roosevelt was running for an unprecedented third term, against Wendell Wilkie (Republican), Norman Thomas (Socialist), Earl Browder (Communist) and Roger Babson (Prohibition).

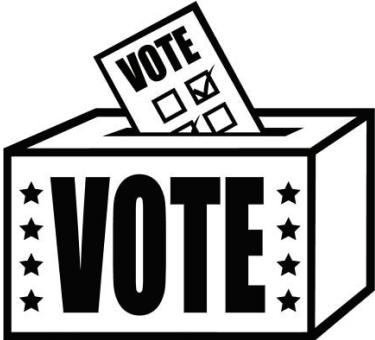
Although the town had been created and built under Roosevelt’s New Deal programs, his re-election didn’t appear to be important for most Greenbelters in fall 1940. According to the Greenbelt Cooperator, 287 residents had registered to vote in the primary elections that spring and 300 more were eligible to vote locally but had not yet registered a month before the November election. Anyone who had signed a declaration of intention to vote in Maryland – one year’s residence in the state was a prerequisite – could register at the Branchville firehouse, which hosted several voter registration days in October 1940. Judge Thomas Freeman, a Greenbelt resident, told the Cooperator that declarations could be given to him at any time, assuring residents that “wives of government workers can vote here without in any way influencing the status of their husbands’ civil service rating.” He further stated that “450 votes cast by Greenbelters would bring a polling place to our own town, and would make our voice mean something in Maryland.”


Greenbelters had other things on their minds, though. On October 16, 1940, 567 Greenbelt men registered for the Selective Service during an all-day registration event. And, the evening before the November 5 general election, the election was held for Greenbelt’s 1941 Citizens Association officers. With 18 candidates on the ballot for five offices, that meeting drew a crowd. The Cooperator did not tell residents where they could vote in the general election nor did it even mention the election on the weekly calendar of events printed in the October 31, 1940, issue, which listed meetings of the Camera Club, Book Club, Radio Club and L.D.S. scheduled for November 5.

More effort was made to get Greenbelt out to vote in the next presidential election in November 1944, when President Roosevelt was running for a fourth term. The Citizens Association now had a Voters Information Committee with more than 50 members who aimed to contact all residents, either through an information table at the grocery store or house calls. By Election Day, 537 citizens had registered to vote, including servicemen to whom absentee ballots were sent. A total of 417 Greenbelters cast their votes on November 7, 1944, at the American Legion House on Branchville (now Greenbelt) Road, giving “substantial local majorities to all Democratic candidates.”

Information for this article was extracted from issues of the Greenbelt Cooperator published in October to November 1940 and September to November 1944. Digital versions of these papers and the Greenbelt News Review (the paper’s name changed in 1954) can be found on the Internet Archive (archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review) and on the News Review’s website (greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives).

Deanna Dawson is coordinator of the Greenbelt Archive Project.





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Women Challenge Tradition In Scaled-down Utopia Festival

by Sandra A. Lange

The pandemic heavily impacted Greenbelt’s annual Utopia Film Festival’s original planned fall weekend of films which are usually shown at various locations throughout Greenbelt. Five documentary films, however, were showcased virtually on Zoom. Like a Woman, the film shown Saturday, October 24, highlights the stories of a dozen bright, articulate women ranging in age from mid 20s to early 80s, all working in non-traditional jobs. They include a helicopter pilot who fights fires and can’t imagine doing anything else, and a woman who flies airships (the Good Year blimp). The blimp pilot noted that while there are approximately 4,000 women pilots, there are at least 135,000 male pilots.

High-Heeled Repairs

One spunky looking young woman was attired in a T-shirt emblazoned with the words “Shecanic.” Clad in bright red stiletto shoes (there is a statement being made here), she casually bends her head under the hood of a car, explaining the workings of the engine to a bevy of hovering girls. Likewise, a female plumber

enjoys being the only woman on a jobsite surrounded by a slew of tradesmen. She too revels in teaching young girls the fun aspects of plumbing. The film introduces women photographers, an architect, a motorcycle driver and a farmer who all have productive careers. A white-haired lady rides a horse as she photographs the landscape surrounding her Santa Fe ranch. She basks in the glow of her life as a rancher.

Job Satisfaction

All those interviewed are happily pursuing their chosen careers. They do not delve into the problems or challenges they encountered along the way. The film is an inspiring example of what is possible if girls have the passion to pursue their dreams.

Unfortunately, the remaining documentary films originally scheduled for the Utopia Film Festival of 2020 had to be cancelled. Organizers and film buffs alike are optimistic that 2021 will see the return of the usual array of interesting and entertaining productions that come to Greenbelt as a result of the hard work of the Utopia’s volunteer activists.

Bizarre Revenger’s Tragedy Goes Online for Halloween

by Jon Gardner

The Rude Mechanicals, in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center, will present The Revenger’s Tragedy online Friday, October 30, and Saturday, October 31 at 8 p.m. each night.

The Revenger’s Tragedy is a darkly comic Jacobean revenge tragedy written circa 1605. The author is unknown, although it has been attributed to either Cyril Tourneur or Thomas Middleton.

Just in time for Halloween, The Revenger’s Tragedy exhibits vivid and muscular prose, like Hamlet, but without the indecision. It has intrigue, murder, mayhem, infidelity, a poisoned skull, a mistaken execution, an unlikely battle and a twist ending that manages to subvert all the tropes and expectations.

Director Jaki Demarest said, “Zoom is an entirely new artistic medium that we’re all just beginning to explore, and I wanted to find a show that would push the boundaries of what this medium could do. The darkly comic Revenger’s Tragedy is perfect, with scenes (like a battle royale with a severed head) that translate to Zoom in a way they wouldn’t for either stage or film. Rather than doing a Zoom show as straight readings, with people in boxes, this is live theater in a way that has never been seen before.”

Demarest continues, “Our production is manic, with a phenomenal cast. It’s Keeping Greenbelt



Wes Dennis plays Vindici and Allison McAlister plays Castiza in The Revengers Tragedy at Greenbelt Arts Center.

- Photos by Jaki Demarest

and DC Weird. It goes over the top, and keeps going. And going. It blends the conventions of stage and film in an entirely new way. Scene by scene, frame by frame, a movie is unfolding in front of us, live and in person. And just like live theater, anything can happen. Check it out, this Halloween weekend!”


Viewing is free, but donations are welcome. During COVID-19,

Greenbelt Arts Center is bringing Zoom productions of important works to the residents of Greenbelt. Visit greenbeltartscenter.org to get more information about this play and other upcoming performances from Greenbelt Arts Center.

Jon Gardner is a member of the Greenbelt Arts Center board of directors.



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consensus of council. Byrd and Roberts were keen to note that a public meeting, where freedom of expression is key, was distinct from a webinar.

Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope, Edward Putens and Leta Mach were largely satisfied with Webinar, finding it a more manageable format. Yet, they all agreed that finding a way to increase public participation was paramount, regardless of the technology being used by those calling in, like access to a touch phone or not.

A discussion topic at the meeting was the possibility for a council, staff and communitywide training in the procedures and operations of the virtual meeting approach. The call-in protocol was especially noted as complicated. At present, no plans have been made for training.

Worley pointed out that most of the neighboring jurisdictions are implementing the virtual approach. Yet, the distinction is that Greenbelt stands alone in allowing public comment throughout the meeting, a freedom that Greenbelt residents have enjoyed for some time. Many jurisdictions require pre-registration to participate and prior emailing of comments and concerns, often restricting public response to specific times in meetings. Council was committed to retaining open public access.

Resident Molly Lester felt that disruption is a possibility in any meeting, even public in-person gatherings, and was appreciative of the debate.

Putens said that council should be starting to focus on a way to

return to in-person meetings in council chambers and to not get too used to the virtual format. Jordan agreed and suggested looking at ways to create a safe environment for attendees.

Byrd stressed that Greenbelt should strive to be the best in its public transparency and not just better than neighboring cities, saying that “Greenbelt is Great.”

After a discussion at the October 26 meeting, council voted to return to the Zoom meeting format, with conditions, in a 5 to 2 vote with Jordan and Putens voting against. The conditions, developed by Davis, include: a host (the mayor or presiding officer) and co-host (staff member) who will admit people to the meeting and help the host know

who has raised a hand; a waiting room, with attendees providing their full name, or organization if applicable, with no ability to rename themselves; everyone admitted into the meeting will be automatically muted; in order to speak, an attendee must raise a hand and be recognized by the mayor or presiding officer who will unmute the person wishing to speak; once admitted, attendees are not allowed to change their profile photos; prevent anyone from screen sharing, unless permitted by the host; disable the entry/exit chime; the host and co-host must know how to instantly dismiss a disruptive attendee, if needed; and basic Zoom etiquette should be promoted and stressed among all attendees.

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Tall trees strew their leaves over the path to the Lake.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
October 19, 4:17 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A black four-door vehicle pulled up to a teen who was riding his skateboard near Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A man armed with a handgun got out, demanded the teen's black-green-and-orange skateboard and then got back into his vehicle and drove away.

Theft
October 16, 6:35 p.m., 12 Court Hillside. A man looked out a window when he heard noises coming from the front of his home. He saw two people wearing black hooded sweatshirts remove a sign from his front yard and flee.

October 18, 5:16 p.m., 5914 Cherrywood Terrace. Items were taken from a package left on the front stoop of a residence.

October 19, 10 a.m., 5300 block Smiths Cove Lane. A silver Dahon Mariner D8 folding hybrid bike was taken from an open garage.

October 19, 6:12 p.m., Lakeside Drive. A man left his leaf blower in the front yard to go into his back yard and, when he returned, the leaf blower was gone. Surveillance footage showed an SUV pull up, a person get out, take the leaf blower and drive away.

Purse Snatching
October 16, 11:30 p.m., 6415 Ivy Lane. A woman walking down the street noticed a man walking behind her. He then ran by her, took her purse and ran into the wooded area near Ivy Lane and Kenilworth Avenue.

Burglary
October 16, 1:55 p.m., 5817 Cherrywood Lane. An unknown person entered a residence, possibly by way of a bedroom window. Money was taken and it appeared as though the person had slept and prepared food there.

Vehicle Crime
A white four-door 2015 Honda Civic with Maryland tags 2BD8421 was taken from 6112 Breezewood Drive. A 2009 Chevy Express cargo van reported stolen in Manassas, Va., was recovered at 18 Court Ridge Road.

Four tires and rims were taken at 9100 block Springhill Lane.

A person removed a woman's purse from her vehicle while she was putting air in her tires at the Exxon station near Greenway Center. Witnesses observed a person running with it as he fled. It was found in a dumpster with no property missing from it.

Other thefts occurred after windows were broken to gain access. Power tools were taken from 5902 Cherrywood Terrace and 9100 Breezewood Terrace. A purse was taken from 6200 block Greenbelt Road and a handicap placard was taken from 6100 block Breezewood Court.

An attempted theft was reported at 5921 Cherrywood Terrace where a window was broken but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Incidents of vandalism included windows being broken out at 6978 Hanover Parkway, 1 Court Southway and 9143 Springhill Lane and two tires were slashed at 7915 Mandan Road.

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is an artery that connects all three cities, and even if all "may not agree on everything," the cities must work together in order to create a framework to work from.

For several years, the improvement project has remained number two on a list of county transportation improvement priority projects. Greenbelt's Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby stressed that it must make its way to be part of the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program for it to be viable, along with SHA involvement. Recently, the Greenbelt Road project was missing from a list of county projects, with Hruby urging all three councils to quickly advocate with their county representatives to put it back on, as the list would soon be before the county council for consideration.

While all agreed on the need for a clear plan, College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn suggested engaging SHA as soon as possible and putting initial efforts into acquiring funding, largely through grants, that would enable design work to begin. He cited the recently begun construction improvements along Route 1, a process that lasted more than 10 years and only reached its fruition through state involvement.

"Kap" Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies, and engineer Nat Ballard, from Rodgers Consulting, laid out details from their recently submitted Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza, in regard to its connection with Greenbelt Road. While the DSP calls for improvements to the safety of the sidewalks and exits and entrances to the Beltway Plaza property, it would not contribute significantly to the Greenbelt Road project's goals or to the road as a whole. Councilmember Judith Davis asked Kapastin to consider making similar alterations to the Quantum properties on Greenbelt Road's opposite side, with Kapastin agreeing to consider it, but noting the signifi-

cant expense.

There was discussion on the creation of a task force to collect all pertinent data and develop a comprehensive plan. Davis suggested using members from existing groups like Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board, and parallel groups in Berwyn Heights and College Park. Resident Bill Orleans suggested making it open to the cities' residents.

Hruby pointed out that at present only the ULI report has up-to-date data and recommendations and that experts will need to be brought in to make useful decisions on things like road changes and traffic studies.

In the end, all present were keen on making this long-standing project happen, with Mayor

Colin Byrd saying, "let's get it done." There was an agreement for further meetings in the near future. Jordan suggested an ongoing quarterly schedule. Berwyn Heights Councilmember Ethan Sweep suggested setting deadlines, determining short- and long-term goals, with funding acquired as things progress. Berwyn Heights Mayor Amanda Dewey said "we need a way forward" and "to be better prepared next time." Hruby said that this would be a joint effort of the jurisdictions.

Jordan laid out a vision of an attractive and unified corridor, fruitful for businesses, which would draw people in to all three cities.



A spot of fall colors shows vividly over the greens of summer.

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GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, November 5, 2020

A. GHI Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)

- Certification of Election for Board of Directors and Audit Committee
- Board Re-organization and Election of Officers
- Code of Ethics Acknowledgement
- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on October 15, 2020
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on October 1, 2020
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on October 1, 2020
- Appointment of Member Complaint Panels
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Proposed Meeting Dates During the New Board Term
- Review 2021 GHI Operating Budget – 1st reading
- Request for a Permit to Install Fences to Enclose Serviceside and Side Yards of a GHI Unit
- Review Draft of a Proposed Reasonable Accommodation Policy
- Member Outreach Committee's Proposal for a Court Communicator Program
- Request the Member Outreach Committee to Survey the Membership re: Use of the WMATA's Public Bus Service
- Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on November 5, 2020

B. GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Open Session Meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)


- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on October 1, 2020
- Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
 - Contract for Employee Medical Insurance Benefits – 2nd reading
 - Contract for Removing Asbestos Materials from Crawlspace of 4 Frame Buildings and Attic of a Prefab Home – 2nd reading
 - Contracts for Employee Dental, Disability and Life Insurance Benefits – 1st reading
- Review Member Complaint Matters

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A Review

The Quadroon and the Dove: A Zoom Production by Greenbelt Arts Center

by Melissa Sites

Over the weekend, an all-BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) cast presented a Zoom production of The Quadroon and the Dove, directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell for Greenbelt Arts Center. The play is situated historically in 1841 New Orleans. The characters are embroiled in the “plaçage” system, by which rich Creole plantation owners took “left-hand” wives (or “placées”) from amongst the free People of Color of New Orleans.

Playwright Charlene Donaghy talked about her inspiration for writing the story. “If you take a New Orleans haunted history tour, they will tell you about a quadroon mistress who wanted her protector to leave his wife ... He found her on the roof where she froze to death waiting for him to show up ... [Placées] have privilege, money, protection, a big house, but if [the protector] leaves, their lives completely implode. That really got to me.” Writing the play required “a lot of research and a lot of conversations with People of Color, while being respectful and really telling the story.”

Local actor Cheramie Jackson did a fantastic job with the lead, Clarice, a free woman of color who is the placée of Lucien, a prominent white Creole who also has a wife at home on his plantation. Problems arise between Clarice and Lucien when teenager Juliette (energetically portrayed by Angeleaza Anderson) chafes at Clarice’s plan for her to become an independent shop owner instead of a placée, with dreams of going to Paris and getting an education – dreams which will require her to trade her independence for the benefits of being a placée with a wealthy protector.

Tensions escalate as the situation between Clarice and Juliette devolves. Clarice continues to try to manage Lucien, but it seems her charms are losing their hold on him. Other characters are dragged along into the looming tragedy. Anya Nebel sings, drums and smokes her cigar with verve as the bayou-dwelling free woman, Sage-Femme. MarQuis



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The cast of The Quadroon and the Dove, along with the director, producer and playwright, participate in a talk-back after the Sunday performance. Top row from left, Pamela Northrup (Production Manager), Rikki Howie Lacewell (Director), Temple Fortson (Ellie) and MarQuis Fair (Charlie-Smith); middle row from left, Cheramie Jackson (Clarice), Keith Alexander (Lucien), Anya Nebel (Sage Femme) and Angeleaza Anderson (Juliette); bottom row from left, Charlene Donaghy (playwright), Nicole Summons (Narrator 1), Shemika Berry (Narrator 2) and Taurean Barber (stage manager).

Fair smolders with discontent in his role as Clarice’s house servant, blacksmith and old flame Charlie-Smith. The play wrestles with the difficulties and impossibilities faced by the free People of Color, and the frustration and anger of those who remain enslaved in the system.

Producing the play on Zoom was a challenge managed with seeming ease. Beautiful background shots of Lucien’s Creole townhouse, Sage-Femme’s bayou shack and Congo Square, along with detailed interiors, set the tone for scenes throughout the play. Most of the actors acted against a plain background, which worked better for some than others.

Director Lacewell talked about the challenges and the unexpected benefits of putting up a show on Zoom. “By doing it on Zoom, you are forced to tell the story. For me it made it easier to focus on telling that story directly through the lens. I approached this through a radio classics perspective. There were parts about the show that I didn’t get until hearing it. The connections came across even more clearly than I normally see.” Keith Alexander, who played Lucien, recalled a phrase that suddenly stuck out to

him: “I’m tired of this old gun, I want something new.” Every time you read it, every time you hear it, something else unfolds.” Cheramie Jackson reiterated the benefits: “It forced me as an actor to truly listen. You have to be a good listener. Every single person in the cast had a good command of their vocals and their emotions, and you feel that as though the person is right in front of you.”


At a Q&A after the play, audience members lauded the production. “You can feel the intensity

of what was going on in their lives,” said Marci Shegogue. Allan Clyde agreed, saying, “This is honestly the most seamless thing I’ve experienced on Zoom.” Through the magic of Zoom, actor Jenifer Lewis, called by the director “the godmother of Black Hollywood,” was in the audience and commented, “I listened, I watched and I got totally caught up in it. I enjoyed and I wanted to congratulate you. You captured me, you stole my heart. You made us feel and think and cry and remember.”



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Want to Get Scared? Check Out These Halloween Displays

by Julia Arbutus

Though Halloween activities like trick-or-treating, visiting haunted houses or participating in Greenbelt’s Pumpkin Festival have to be postponed, modified, or cancelled this year due to COVID-19, there is one holiday tradition that residents can enjoy without restriction: decorating.

Marc Siegel has been decorating for Halloween for 30 years, 20 of which have been in his childhood home on Maplewood Court by Greenbelt Lake, where he sets up an extensive array of inflatable figures and skeletal creatures.

One of those creatures, a motion-activated dog head that “jumps” out of a doghouse when people walk by, has faced some backlash on Facebook for scaring passersby and even generated a letter to the News Review editor two weeks ago.

“It’s not surprising people hate the dog,” Siegel said. “But, please, for the 99.9 percent who like it, please tolerate me for 30 days.”

Halloween is Siegel’s favorite holiday, which is part of the reason he puts so much effort into decorating for it. It is also his daughter Sydney’s birthday, and the decorations are a part of the celebration.

Siegel said his display always gets a lot of attention, but he has seen an uptick this year, since parents do not have anywhere to take their children to celebrate Halloween safely. He still believes he will get a good number of trick-or-treaters on the night of Halloween and is planning how to distribute candy safely, possibly with a plumbing tube that will allow the candy to travel at least six feet without any contact.

“I do it for the kids,” he said. “I’ll do it ’til I can’t do it anymore.”

Another Greenbelt resident with a dedication to decoration is Amethyst Dwyer, who has been putting together the “Haunted Hollow” at her GHI townhouse for 24 years.

The Hollow started small. Her husband Dorian would open the door to trick-or-treaters and she would jump out to scare the children. Over the years, though, it has grown into a 20-person costumed operation that scares children as they make their way to Dwyer’s front door. If they make it, the kids are rewarded with a full-size candy bar.

“We get a lot of screamers,” Dwyer said. “Sometimes it takes a few years to get to the front door.”

Dwyer always dresses as a Dogmonster and her husband dresses as Dracula to answer

the door. They also always have a friend dress as the Goatman, a half-goat, half-man creature that urban legend says was once a scientist who worked at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

This year, Dwyer is going to be presenting a smaller, modified version of the Haunted Hollow out of an abundance of caution. She has set her sights on next

year, when, hopefully, the Hollow will return to its full glory.

“What’s been so wonderful over the years is seeing adults who used to come to our house as kids bring their children,” Dwyer said. “Gotta keep the tradition alive in Greenbelt.”

Julia Arbutus is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



Halloween decorations spook and scare by the Lake.

- Photos by Julia Arbutus



Greenbelters gather for a Halloween parade in the late 1940s.



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